

ATTENTION PET BIRD OWNERS

ANYTHING that touches your birds can carry harmful disease organisms. You are the only protection your birds have, so use these important tips to provide the best care and disease prevention.

BIRD CARE SUGGESTIONS

- Different bird species will have different diets. Depending on the type, age, and size of your birds, the ratio of seeds, pellets, and fresh fruits and vegetables will vary.
- Provide fresh water for your birds daily.
- Use paper towels or other paper products as bedding. Clean or replace bedding as needed.
- Keep your birds in a clean, dry, isolated area. Good sanitary practices can help your birds fend off diseases and illnesses.
- Provide appropriate living space and perches for your birds.
- Birds are extremely sensitive to toxins. Don't use chemicals such as cleaners, hairspray, candles and perfumes around your birds.
- Protect your birds from extreme hot and cold temperatures. Providing an 85° F environment is ideal!



**Report any sick or dead birds
immediately to your veterinarian
or
call the Sick Bird Hotline:
(866) 922-2473**

DISEASE PREVENTION GUIDELINES

- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling birds. Consider also using hand sanitizer and disposable gloves especially if birds are sick.
- Isolate any new birds or returning birds at least 30 days to monitor for disease.
- Clean and disinfect your cages and equipment after taking them to any bird event or having them around other birds.
- Limit contact with other bird or poultry owners.
- Keep your birds away from wild birds, rodents, insects and other pets, as these can all carry disease.



For more information, visit the following Web sites at:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/Avian_Health_Program.html

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